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7 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
8 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**  
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10 DANIEL DE GROFF,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE  
14 DEPARTMENT, *et al.*,

15 Defendants.

Case No. 2:11-CV-2007-KJD-CWH

**ORDER**

16 Before the Court are Defendants' Motions for Judgment on the Pleadings (#37) and  
17 Involuntary Dismissal (#38). Plaintiff filed a document styled "Joint Status Report" (#44) which the  
18 Court will construe as a response given the diminished pleading standards for *pro se* parties.  
19 Defendants replied (##46, 47).

20 **I. Analysis**

21 Plaintiff is *pro se*, meaning that his submissions to the Court are "to be liberally construed,  
22 and . . . however inartfully pleaded, must be held to less stringent standards than formal pleadings  
23 drafted by lawyers." Erickson v. Pardus, 551 U.S. 89, 94 (2007) (citations and internal quotation  
24 omitted). The Court accordingly construes Plaintiff's filings liberally, holding Plaintiff to less  
25 stringent standards of pleading.  
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1 Plaintiff's claim is dismissed for three reasons. First, Plaintiff's sole claim is in error. Second,  
 2 Plaintiff failed to oppose Defendants' Motions for Judgment on the Pleadings (#37) and Involuntary  
 3 Dismissal (#38). Third, Plaintiff has violated the local rule requiring Plaintiff to maintain an accurate  
 4 address with the Court.

5 A. Plaintiff's Claim is in Error

6 Plaintiff alleges a violation of his Eighth Amendment rights under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.  
 7 However, "the State does not acquire the power to punish with which the Eighth Amendment is  
 8 concerned until after it has secured a formal adjudication of guilt in accordance with due process of  
 9 law." City of Revere v. Massachusetts Gen. Hosp., 463 U.S. 239, 244 (1983) citing Ingraham v.  
 10 Wright, 430 U.S. 651, 671 n.4 (1977). Accordingly, until there has been a "formal adjudication of  
 11 guilt...the Eighth Amendment has no application." City of Revere, 463 U.S. at 244.

12 Here, Plaintiff's claims arise from being handcuffed while at the Plaza Hotel. As no formal  
 13 adjudication of guilt occurred, such as a trial, the relevant constitutional provision is the Due Process  
 14 Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. See Id. While the Court construes Plaintiff's pleadings  
 15 liberally, it cannot and will not wholesale re-write them, in effect assuming the role of Plaintiff's  
 16 legal counsel.

17 B. Plaintiff Failed to Oppose Defendants' Dispositive Motions

18 Under the Local Rules of Civil Practice 7-2, Plaintiff was required to respond within fourteen  
 19 days after service of the relevant Motions. LR 7-2(b). Further, "failure of an opposing party to file  
 20 points and authorities in response to any motion shall constitute a consent to the granting of the  
 21 motion." LR 7-2(d). Here, Plaintiff failed to oppose the Motions at all. However, even if the Court  
 22 construes Plaintiff's "Joint Status Report" (#44) as a response, no substantive opposition is made.

23 C. Plaintiff Failed to Maintain An Accurate Address with the Court

24 Under the Local Rules of Special Proceedings and Appeals, Plaintiff is required to "file with  
 25 the Court written notification of any change of address. . . . Failure to comply with the Rule may  
 26 result in dismissal of the action with prejudice." LSR 2-2. The Court's most recent communication

1 with Plaintiff has been returned as undeliverable and labled "ATTEMPTED - NOT KNOWN" (#50).  
2 Further, Plaintiff has repeatedly violated this rule (#42).

3 II. Conclusion

4 Accordingly, Plaintiff's claim is **HEREBY DISMISSED** without prejudice. The Court  
5 recognizes that dismissal with prejudice is fully within the discretion of the Court. However, the  
6 Court declines to do so.

7 DATED this 9th day of September 2013.

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12 Kent J. Dawson  
13 United States District Judge  
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